Newspapers and periodicals registered with DAVP

4874. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of newspapers and periodicals registered with DAVP for the purpose of advertisements till 31st March, 2001, language-wise; and

(b) the details of applications from new newspapers and periodicals pending till 31st December, 2001 for registration with DAVP, language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) During the contract period from 1.7.2000 to 31.3.2001, a total of 2365 newspapers and periodicals were empanelled with the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) for release of advertisements. The language-wise break-up is given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) As on 31.12.2001, applications from 10 newspapers and periodicals were pending with DAVP for fresh empanelment. The language-wise break-up is given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Language-wise number of Newspapers/Periodicals empanelled with the DAVP for release of advertisements during the contract period from 1.7.2000 *to* 31.03.2001

S.No.	Language	No. of Publications
1.	English	137
2.	Hindi	1575
3.	Urdu	141
4.	Punjabi	72
5.	Marathi	71
6.	Gujarati	89
7.	Sindhi	14
8.	Assamese	11
9.	Bengali	79
10.	Oriya	30
11.	Tamil	40
12.	Telugu	43
13.	Malayalam	38
14.	Kannada	19
15.	Sanskrit	3
16.	Nepali	1
17.	Mizo	1
18.	Konkani	1
	TOTAL:	2365

Statement-II

Language-wise number of applications of newspapers/periodicals pending for fresh empanelment with the DAVP as on 31.12.2001

Sl. No.	Language	No. of Publications
1.	English	1
2.	Hindi	5
3.	Urdu	1
4.	Bengali	1
5.	Marathi	1
6.	Gujarati	1
	TOTAL:	10

Putting of titles of newspapers on website

4875. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the titles of registered newspapers/periodicals etc. are still maintained confidentially by Registrar of Newspapers of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to put the titles on the website so that the people are saved from the hardship of coming again and again to RNI with the existing title?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The details of the titles verified by the office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) are available on RNI's website (www.mib.nic.in/rni).